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GREAT PERFORMING, AFFORDABLE MOUNTAIN BIKES



JAMIS XCR COMP

Jamis calls the latest iteration of the Dakar suspension design MP3. It's not an all-new design, but rather Jamis's take on a proven suspension design that is widely used by many manufacturers, such as Trek, Kona and Rocky Mountain. All three bikes in Jamis's XCR line share the same frame, though shock and components vary by model. Modern shock technology found in the FOX Float R shock helps this platform work quite well; during testing it pedaled effectively and absorbed all bumps with a firm, efficient feel. The frame geometry also takes the tried-and-true route, with traditional cross-country angles that result in quick handling without hyperactive response.

The Jamis XCR Comp is a great all-around trail bike, with a tried-and-true geometry and suspension design.

Manitou's R7 Super fork is the star of the show, with a ride that is supple yet protects your wrists from big hits. It's laterally rigid, and the TPC lockout maximizes climbing power.

The rest of the components give the XCR Comp a solid, quality feel. The mostly Shimano drivetrain fires off smooth, quick shifts and reminds us, once again, that although others come close, Shimano still has the best-shifting in the biz. Although XCR stands for "cross-country racing," the Comp's weight keeps it from being an elite-level racer. The bike is, however, ideally suited for beginner/sport racers and is a great all-around trail bike.
— Ron Koch

PRICE: \$1,780 **HIT:** Exceptional performance from the Manitou fork **MISS:** Suspension design doesn't allow for an easily accessed bottle-cage mount **WEIGHT:** 28.6 lb. (19 in.) **SIZES:** 13, 15, 17, 19 (tested), 21 in. **FRAME:** Butted Kinesium alloy main triangle; FOX Float R shock w. 100mm travel **FORK:** Manitou R7 Super w/ TPC lockout and 100mm travel **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano Deore LX Rapidfire Plus-SL shifters, XT rear derailleur, Deore front derailleur, M475 disc hubs; Avid Juicy 3 hydraulic disc brakes; Mavic XM117 disc rims; Maxxis Ignitor tires; Easton EA30 low-rise handlebar, stem, seatpost; WTB Rocket V Comp saddle **CONTACT:** jamisbikes.com